Re-Categorisation of Customs Tariff

1597. SHRI J. K. JAIN; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to

(a) whether Government 'have re-categorised the Customs Tariff;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) from when it will be given effect; and

(d) how it will benefit the customs col lection targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The Customs Tariff (Amendment) Act, 1985 (8 of 1986) to bring the Customs Tariff in conformity with the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonised System) came into force on the 28th February 1986. The Harmonised System is an internationally accepted nomenclature for goods "n international trade.

(d) In the Harmonised System, the structure is far more rationalised compared to the Customs Cooperation Council Nomenclature (CCCN). on which the earlier Customs Tariff was based, and has taken irno account the latest chan-in technology and pattern' of in'ernational trade making it uptodate. It is, therefore, expected to min'mlse classification disputes under the Customs Tariff and thereby facilitate revenue collections.

Seminar on Consumer Protection

1598. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:
SHRT PARVATHANENI UPENDRA;

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that his Mi-y had recently organised a two-day Seminar in Delhi on Consumer Protection; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) pants welcomed the draft model law in this regard and made certain suggestions for its improvement;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all the voluntary organisations present at. the Seminar pleaded for inclusion of not only goods hut also services including those of the public sector, under the proposed model lay; and

(d) if so, what is Government's stand thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) Yes, Sir. An all India Seminar on Consumer Protection was organised by the Department of Civil Supplies in New Delhi on 20, 21 January, 1986 to discuss the following items-

(i) Draft Model Law on Consumer Protection, to be adopted by State GovernmentslUnion Territory Administrations.

(ii) Amendments to Consumer Protection Laws, *e-2*- PFA Act, Standards of Weights and Measures Act, etc.

(iii) Giving limited powers to voluntary organtsations.

(iv) People's participation in Consumers Protection Movement, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas.

(v) Specific administrative. legal, scientific and technical arrangements for the development and monitoring of consumer movement in the country.

(vi) Unit Pricing System.

up of All India Confederation of Voluntary Consumer Or-nisations.

The Seminar was attended by the re-itives of the Central Minis' Departments concerned with the various consumer protection laws, State GovernmentslUnion Territories and voluntary consumer organisations.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.